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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Thomas von der Haar GROUP ART UNIT: 2855  
 SERIAL NO.: 10/009,859 EXAMINER: Oen, William L.  
 FILED: October 24, 2001 CONFIRMATION NO.: 6648  
 TITLE: "COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY APPARATUS WITH AUTOMATIC PARAMETER MODIFICATION TO PREVENT IMPERMISSIBLE OPERATING STATES" (AS AMENDED)  
 RESUBMISSION AMENDMENT "A"

## MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

 No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE	
TOTAL CLAIMS	*27	MINUS	**27	X	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00		
INDEP. CLAIMS	*1	MINUS	1	X	( ) X 43.00 ( ) X 86.00		
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.					( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$145.00 ( ) \$290.00 ONE TIME	
					TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004 for three (3) months so that the period for response is extended to September 3, 2004. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is attached.

A check for \$\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

A check for \$\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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September 3, 2004

DATE



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**RESUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT A**

APPLICANT: Thomas von der Haar DOCKET NO: P01,0349

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Mail Stop Amendment

5 Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

10 In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2004 ("OA"), Applicant  
responds as follows in order to prevent the application from becoming  
abandoned.

The OA was rendered in connection with the above-referenced  
application. It is obvious from the OA that the examination was based on the  
15 translation of the PCT application that was provided with the filing papers for  
entering into the National Examination Phase in the United States. As evidenced  
by the Notice of Acceptance of Application, however, the Patent and Trademark  
Office, in addition to other items, confirmed receipt of a Preliminary Amendment  
and a Substitute Specification. The Preliminary Amendment cancelled original  
20 claims 1-18 and presented claims 19-45 for examination, in addition to making  
other editorial changes in the application.

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Since this Preliminary Amendment was properly filed, and receipt thereof was confirmed by the Patent and Trademark Office, examination of the translated claims from the original PCT application in the Office Action dated March 3, 2004 was improper. Withdrawal of that Office Action, and a first Office Action on the merits with regard to 5 claims 19-45, was requested in a response mailed on April 8, 2004.

Applicant has received no indication that this request was acted on, and calls to the Examiner and his supervisor have not been successful in getting a written response. Since this application will become abandoned if a response to the OA is not filed, Applicant is resubmitting the originally submitted Preliminary Amendment A as follows.

10 Applicant petitions for a three-month extension to extend the period of response from June 3, 2004 to September 3, 2004, and respectfully requests that:

- 1) the next office action not be made final; and
- 2) no extension fees be charged for this response, since no action was taken by the USPTO regarding the timely submitted Request to Withdraw. Nonetheless, the

15 Commissioner is authorized to charge any extension fees believed due to Deposit Account. No. 501519.

The originally submitted amendment follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the amendments beginning on page 4 of this paper. Furthermore, the specification has been amended as set forth in 20 the substitute specification submitted herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125(b). A marked-up copy showing all changes is also submitted herewith. No new matter is added in the substitute specification.

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**Amendments to the Drawings** are reflected in the drawing changes to Figures 1 and 2 attached as Appendix A to this response. Marked up versions of these figures showing the changes are included.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which 5 begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.